



US Forest Service

Rim Fire Recovery

Weekly Update

Date: May 13, 2014

General Background:

- The Rim Fire started in August 2013 and eventually burned 257,314 acres, including 154,530 acres on the Stanislaus National Forest. Burned Area Emergency Response work to address immediate hazards has been completed with the exception of storm patrol and monitoring.
- The Stanislaus National Forest has formed two interdisciplinary teams to produce:
 1. An environmental assessment (EA) for hazard tree removal along 194 miles of high use Forest Service Maintenance Level 2/3/4/5 roads, administrative and recreation facilities, and areas adjacent to private infrastructure. The EA includes 10,315 acres of NFS lands, of which 8,986 acres are along roads. The Rim HT EA Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact were signed on April 25, 2014.
 2. An environmental impact statement (EIS) regarding salvage and restoration proposing to reduce the potential for future catastrophic fire by reducing the fuel loading and capture the perishable economic commodity value of the fire killed trees through timber salvage. The draft EIS includes 44,461 acres of NFS lands, of which 16,315 acres are along roads. The Draft EIS 30-day public comment period is scheduled to start on May 16, 2014. The draft EIS is available online at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43033. A decision is scheduled for August 2014.
- Hazard tree project timber sale advertisement continues with one sale awarded and three additional timber sale bid openings in the next few days.
- We are participating in the YSS meeting scheduled for Friday.
- A meeting is planned with the National Forest Foundation to explore how they can help with the recovery efforts.

Questions about Rim Fire Recovery please contact: Rim Fire Recovery Information (209) 432-3709.